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Manhattan Clean Cities Coalition Alternative Fuel “Ride and Drive” Expo

MANHATTAN, Kansas, October 17, 2000--The Manhattan Area Clean Cities Coalition and the City of Manhattan would like to inform the media of the Alternative Fuel “Ride and Drive” Expo to be held on Friday, October 20, 2000 at Transportation Design and Manufacturing (TDM), 721 Levee Drive. Several alternative fuel vehicles will be on display for interested individuals to acquire information and test drive. Ford, Toyota, and Chrysler will be represented at this event with one or more vehicles. This will be an excellent opportunity for fleet managers and businesses that utilize vehicles in their operation to find out more about alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas (CNG), ethanol, propane, solar energy, and electric energy and the potential cost and energy savings associated with each.

The Friday morning's events will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a welcome from Mayor Karen McCulloh. A breakfast will also be provided at this time. Special appearances will be made by the Kansas State University Solar Car Team and Roger Hundley with his “Kid Natural” supercharger. The “Ride and Drive” Expo will last until approximately 11:30 a.m.

The Coalition and the City of Manhattan believe this will be an excellent photo opportunity for the media and an opportunity to inform the community of alternative fuel sources and vehicles in the market. Vehicles to be on display will include the Ford Ranger (Ethanol), Ford Taurus (Ethanol), Ford F150 4X4 (Propane), Ford Contour (CNG), Ford F-150 (CNG), Chrysler Town & Country Mini-van (Ethanol), and the Toyota Prius (Electric-hybrid).

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